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bridge over the Yeluru River (estimate Rs. 7·10 lakhs) will be taken up for execution shortly. The work of forming a link bund in the breached portion of the bridge has been taken up and it is nearing completion."

Jayankondan Taluk Headquarters Hospital.

* 1074 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Jayankondan is to be converted into a Government Hospital under the provincialization scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Provincialization of Taluk Headquarters Hospitals is being done, at the rate of 5 or 6 such hospitals every year subject to the financial position of the State. The Provincialization of the hospital at Jayankondan will be taken up in due course."

Backward Classes Advisory Board.

* 1075 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Backward Classes Advisory Board was formed for the last time and the duration of the board thus formed; and

(*b*) what are the functions of the board?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) The Backward Classes Advisory Committee was last constituted in 1951 and its term which was one year expired on 6th February 1952. The term was subsequently extended up to 6th May 1952. The question of reconstituting the Committee is now under the consideration of Government.

" (*b*) The function of the Committee is to advise the Government on matters relating to the amelioration of the conditions of the Backward Classes."

Agricultural income-tax on plantations.

* 1076 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when steps for taxing agricultural income-tax on plantations agreed to by the Minister before the Assembly on 10th July 1952 will be taken up and at what stage the matter stands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The question of levy of an agricultural income-tax is under consideration of the Government. It will take some time for them to arrive at a final decision."

Tungabhadra High-level Canal.

* 1077 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many sluices were provided in the dam at Mallapuram for the Tungabhadra High-level Canal and their maximum discharges;